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Practised by some Papists in *Darbyshire*.

And lately discovered by one *Jacob Franck-*  
*lin*, Sexton of the Parish Church of *Bingley* within  
thirteen miles of *D A R B I E*.

With the Examination of one *John Symonds* an In-  
strument in this Conspiracie.

Together with his Confession taken before  
the Justices of the Peace of the same County.

Also the Names of those whom he confessed to be  
Confederates in this said PLOT.

And what Ammunition and all kind of  
Provision was found and taken in two of these  
Confederates Houses, *Jan. 18. 1641.*

A true Relation.



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# BLOOD PLOT

Tragedy by some papers in 1845

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# A True Relation of a most horrible and bloody plot

at *Bingley* in *Durbyshire*, some 13. miles  
from *Darbie*, which Plot was disco-  
vered by one *Jacob Francklin*  
Sexton of the same Parish.

**M**ischiefe the child of Heresie can-  
not want instruments to prosecute  
and bring it to perfection, and the  
Divell who is the Author of all  
vnlawfull attempts, is alwaies re-  
dy at hand to further and set forward any dissen-  
tions, and damnable enterpises. Hee will not suf-  
fer the poore disposition of *Rome* to sleepe and  
be at quiet for want of new supplyes and assistants  
to further her vnlawfull practise. This Kingdome  
hath had too frequent experience of their mis-  
chievous intentions and plots, which had not the  
all-seeing eye of Heaven prevented, we had long  
agoe bene brought to utter ruine and destruction.  
Yet notwithstanding the manifold Discoveries,  
and the continuall shame, that hath continually  
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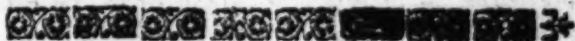
been the issue of their vnderakings, they will not  
desist, but still proceed in their inhumane and  
most Tyranicall devices, they have of late practi-  
sed most strangely against the Peace of this Realme  
but by the mercy of God have bin prevented, yet  
none was of such Horrible condition as this which  
I shall now relate unto you. In Derby shire some  
Thirteene Miles from Derby Towne, lieth a  
Towne called by the name of *Bingly*, a small Coun-  
try Town but of good Bignesse, inhabited by good  
sort of men of great Ranke and Quality, among  
the rest their lived one Mr. *Thomas Needbum*, a  
man of large possessions, but by profession a Ro-  
mish Catholique, this *Needbum* had gotten unto  
him many of the same profession, and by the as-  
sistance of one *Iohn Simonds*, whom they had hi-  
red for their purpose, had convey'd by night by a  
private Doore into the Church into a great Vault  
vnderneath the Ground 34. Barrells of Gunpow-  
ber, with store of small peeces of old Iron, some  
Stones, and Faggots, whereby they had determi-  
ned at the time of Divine Service, to subvert  
and blow vp the aforesaid Church in the time of  
Divine Service, when the Church was filled with  
a full number of the Parishioners, but thanks be  
to God; their designe was prevented and the Pa-  
rishioners destined for Ruine, as yet safe and alive,  
The Discovery was after this manner, it happened  
that one *Jacob Franklin* being the Sexton of the  
aforesaid Parish of *Bingly* had occasion to goe to  
the Church late in the Evening to Tole the passing  
Bell

Bell for a Neighbour who then lay desperately sick  
 as he was entred into the Church he heard a great  
 noyse vnderneath the Ground, which put this Ser-  
 uant into a great affright and amazement, so that  
 leaving to performe the Duty, hee came  
 about, he betooke him selfe home, and told his wife  
 what noyse hee had heard in the Church under  
 ground; who willed him to call some of his neigh-  
 bours, and take them along with him, and to goe  
 and performe what did belong unto him to do. He  
 did according to his wifes direction and counsell,  
 and as he entred into the Church accompanied  
 with some of his Neighbours they all heard the  
 same noyse, not knowing from whence it should  
 proceed, and at length as he was passing by to the  
 place where he should tole the Bell, through the  
 cranny or cracke of a stone, he received the Reflec-  
 tion of a light to shine forth of the Vault, where-  
 upon they drew neere the mouth of the said Vault,  
 and discovered by their approach more light,  
 which made them retreat backe to see the event  
 of this noyse and light, about halfe an houre after  
 they lying in obscurity perceived a man with a  
 darke Lanthorne to come forth of the Vault, and  
 perceiving him to be alone, unaccompanied with  
 any body else, they drew neere unto him, and de-  
 manded the reason of his being there at that  
 vnseasonable time, and the cause of his going  
 downe into the Vault, but hee would not de-  
 clare any thing unto them, but said that they had  
 no power to question him, upon which peremp-  
 tory answer they drag'd him by violence unto

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the Constable, who kept him in safe Custody that night, and the next day had him before a Justice of peace to be examined, which *Symonds* upon examination confessed that he was an hired servant unto Mr. *Needum*, and that he did not doubt but that his Master would justifie what he had done, he further confessed that he was to receive twenty Markes for his service, and that he had bene now 6. moneths in this imployment, to lay in the Powder and the rest of the things in the Vault, and that their designe was in the time of Divine Service, to have blowne up the Church and killed all the Parishioners that should have bene at that time assembled, and that if he had not bene at this present taken, by the next Sunday they should have understood the end and intention of his proceedings. He confessed further, that this his Master was not alone in this Plot, but that he had more adherents in the businesse, some of which, bee at that time made mention of, as of one Mr. *Richard Danzy* Esquire, Mr. *Thomas Overlie*, and Mr. *Anthony Gray*, Gentlemen all of the said County. After this his examination taken, his mittimus was made, and he sent unto *Darby* Goale, where he now remains, and immediately this strict charge was given by the Justice of the Peace, that search should be made in the Vault, which was done accordingly, where they found the Gunpowder according to his confession, and all things else, after which they did proceed to apprehend some of those whom this *Symonds* had confessed to be in this.

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this Plot, but they were all fled, but in the house  
of Mr. *Needburn* they found great store of am-  
munition for warre, as Muskets, Pikes, Halberts,  
Armour, Powder and Bullets great store, the  
provision that was taken from thence might very  
well furnish neere upon an hundred men for ser-  
vice, there was also taken forth of Mr. *Grays*  
house some other Provision for warre, as store  
of Petronels, Gunpowder and shot, and in his  
stable fixteene horses well fitted for service, all  
which provision was seized on, and was car-  
ried away, and delivered into the hands  
and custody of Mr. *Richard Fa-*  
*therly*, Iustice of Peace of  
the said County.

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